Docket No.: 31229-229760

(PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Lionel Foster et al.

Art Unit: 3652

Appl. No.: 10/577,852 Examiner: Kramer, Dean J.

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For: LIFTING DEVICE Customer No.:

26694
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## **AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2008, the three-month shortened statutory period for response is August 12, 2008. Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. Any necessary additional fees are hereby authorized to be charged, and any <u>overpayments</u> credited to, our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, referencing our docket no. 31229-229760. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.